Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (currently amended) An appliance, comprising:

a controller and a receiver connected thereto and effective to receive a device identifier from a remote communications device;

a network interface connectable to a relay server corresponding to the device identifier;

the controller being programmed to:

transmit data corresponding to the device identifier to the relay server, and

receive a profile address in response from the relay server;

the controller being further programmed to receive profile data from a profile server, based on the profile address.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein

each of the first remote device and the second remote device correspond to a portable device.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method of controlling the operation of an appliance, comprising:

receiving, at the appliance, first access data from memory of a first remote device, the first access data providing network access to first configuration data;

receiving at the appliance at least a portion of the first configuration data via the network access;

configuring the appliance to a first configuration based on the portion of the first configuration data;

receiving, at the appliance, second access data to the appliance from a memory of a second remote device, the second access data providing network access to second configuration data;

receiving at the appliance at least a portion of the second configuration data via the network access;

reconfiguring the appliance to a second configuration based on the portion of the second configuration data,

wherein:

receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes:

receiving first relay data responsive to a network server identified in the first access data, and

receiving first profile data made accessible via the network access by the first relay data; and

receiving at least the portion of the second configuration data includes:

receiving second relay data responsive to a network server identified in the second access data, and

receiving second profile data made accessible via the network access by the second relay data.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein:

each of the first and second remote devices corresponds to a radio frequency identification device.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein

delivering the first and second access data includes co-locating the radio frequency identification device with the appliance.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein

receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes

receiving a portion of profile data including data relating to the appliance and data relating to another type of appliance.

14. (Previously presented) A method of controlling an appliance, comprising:

receiving an address of a relay server from a remote device,

transmitting a first request to the relay server,

receiving an address of a profile server from the relay server, based on the first request,

transmitting a second request to the profile server,

receiving a profile from the profile server, based on the second request, and

controlling the appliance in dependence upon the profile.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein

the remote device is a radio-frequency identification device that transmits the address associated with the relay server.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further including

receiving an address associated with an other relay server from another remote device,

transmitting a third request to the other relay server, based on the address associated with the other relay server,

receiving an address of an other profile server from the other relay server,

transmitting a fourth request to the other profile server, based on the address of the other profile server,

receiving an other profile from the other profile server, based on the fourth request, and

controlling the appliance in dependence upon the other profile.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein

the address includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) that is stored at the remote device.

18. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 5, wherein

the communications device is a wireless device that is remote from the appliance.

19. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 18, wherein

the device identifier includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) associated with the relay server.

20. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 5, wherein

the controller is configured to determine an address of the relay server based on the device identifier.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein

reconfiguring the appliance includes creating a composite of the first profile data and the second profile data.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further including

reconfiguring the appliance to the first configuration after removal of the second remote device from a vicinity of the appliance.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, further including

measuring a time duration after the removal of the second remote device, and wherein

reconfiguring the appliance to the first configuration occurs when the time duration exceeds a predefined persistence period.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein

the first access data includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) associated with a relay server.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein

the second access data includes an other Uniform Resource Locator (URL) associated with an other relay server.